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APPARATUS  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 6, 2006, applicant notes for the record that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance “is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed.” [MPEP 1302.14.] Additionally, the inventions claimed in the present application respectively comprise various elements in combination. Applicant respectfully submits that the patentability of each invention derives from the claimed combination of elements defining that invention, viewed as a whole, rather than from the presence of any particular element (or elements) in the combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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